

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

We want our children to look smart when at school and feel proud to wear their uniform and expect all our children to wear a school jumper carrying our new logo to help them feel part of our school community. The governors, parents and staff together believe that wearing a school uniform enhances this feeling of belonging

From time to time some issues of safety and comfort for individual pupils which may necessitate some changes to the school uniform can be taken into consideration. Grange School's uniform policy is based on the understanding of the varying needs of the pupils and students at Grange.

All pupils from Reception to Year 14 wear the school uniform appropriate to their key stage, when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. The aim is that pupils and students of Grange School will develop and feel a sense of community and belonging through the wearing of the school uniform. However, we have a deep understanding of the sensory input needs of some of our pupils and will always welcome discussions regarding an individual pupil's needs with parents.

Only our school jumpers are mandatory and have the school brand. However we have worked with the supplier to ensure the cost is appropriately low and we have a buy back scheme in place to offer previously loved school jumpers for a nominal sum. Other items in the school uniform can be purchased from high street and online shops and supermarkets. Should parents want to buy extra school jumpers we encourage you to investigate the buy back scheme, or order our branded jumpers new. However we fully understand the cost implications and parents are welcome to source navy blue jumpers from shops and supermarkets to use in addition to the branded school jumper.

We offer branded t-shirts for PE, however parents are welcome to source navy blue t-shirts from shops and supermarkets. We also offer branded book bags and PE bags, please contact the office for details.



ORDERING

All orders can be made via the main school reception. Please ask for details

GRANGE UNIFORM BANK*

We are aware that as children grow quickly there maybe occasions when parents have school jumpers that are in perfectly good condition, but no longer fit their child. We are also aware of the additional pressure costs of school uniform can place on parents.

To help support parents and carers of students at Grange School we have set up the Uniform Bank. The shop will be open every Thursday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and based in the Sports Hall. Access is available from the parent entrance.

The Uniform Bank will:

- enable parents/carers to swap and exchange uniform that is in a reusable condition (No rips, tears or holes).
- receive a £2.00 discount voucher for new uniform when exchanging reusable uniform and a larger size is not available.

The Uniform Bank aims to make connections with local/national suppliers and will update parents/carers when discounted stock is available.

**This service will begin in the 2023-2024 academic year*

PARENTAL SUPPORT

At Grange School we understand that it can be challenging for parents to get some pupils into school uniform. This maybe due to a sensory issue/need, or be a change of routine. Staff at school are happy to help parents with changes through the provision of visuals and other strategies to support the pupils into school uniform. Parents are asked to contact their child's teacher in the first instance.

Should there be a recognised need for pupils with sensory processing difficulties to not wear uniform we ask that parents contact their child's teacher in the first instance. They will then pass the information to the senior leadership team who will discuss alternative with parents and carers.

PE KITS

It is essential that pupils have an appropriate PE kit in school on the days they are timetabled to be playing sport. PE is a curriculum subject and participation by all pupils is required. A key element of PE is changing into an appropriate PE kit (T-shirt, shorts/joggers & pumps or trainers). PE kits can be sent in and kept at school for the half term, or returned home every week. Please ensure your child has the required PE kit available.

Swimming

Some pupils will go swimming, while others may access hydrotherapy. In both cases pupils must bring an appropriate swimming kit to school on these days.

The required swimming kits is:

- Boys: swimming trunks or suitable all-in-one (no boardshorts or beachwear), a towel, and an appropriate bag
- Girls: One-piece swimsuit (no bikinis or beachwear), a towel and an appropriate bag (no plastic carrier bags please)

All pupils with hair longer than shoulder length must also have a swimming cap
In the interests of the environment please use a re-usable bag for swimming kits

MISCELLANEOUS

Headscarves

Pupils may wear headscarves for religious reasons

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is actively discouraged, however pupils may wear plain, stud earrings, or a watch. However the school cannot be held responsible for the safety of any jewellery or watches worn. Earrings that dangle and neck chains are not allowed for safety reasons.

School bags

The school offers PE/swimming bags for sale via the school's uniform provider. Plastic bags should not be used due to safety reasons and for environmental concerns

Adverse weather

Please ensure your child has an appropriate sun hat when the weather is hot, and appropriate footwear and a coat for when the weather is wet. If your child prefers to wear wellingtons in wet weather that is fine, however please ensure they have appropriate shoes to change into for indoors. We have some wellingtons available for outdoor activities.

Flip-flops are not suitable footwear for safety reasons and must not be worn by pupils when in school or off site on a school activity

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in all pieces of school uniform, shoes, PE kits, swimming kits, towels, wellingtons, etc. School cannot be held accountable for items that go missing that do not bare the name of the owner

Teachers are encouraged to write the child's initials on the garment label with permanent marker if clothes are not clearly labelled





A new law to protect parents in England from unnecessary school uniform costs comes into effect from September 2022. State schools will be forced to remove unnecessary branded items from their uniform requirements, allowing parents to shop around or hand clothes down more easily.

Grange School Uniform

Of the 5 items listed on the Grange School uniform, only 2 items carry branding (there is also an unbranded option for one of these items. The school jumper carries the Grange School logo as well as the navy t-shirt. However, there is an option for an unbranded white polo within our policy.

Grange Futures (Key Stage 5 – Post 16) requires a branded school hoodie as the only required item of uniform.

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